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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating the Sandcreek Baptist Church on the occasion of the 190th anniversary of its founding.

Whereas, Organized on the third Saturday of June 1822, the Sandcreek Baptist Church in Greensburg is the oldest American Baptist church in Decatur County;

Whereas, The original members of the Sandcreek Baptist Church were Zachariah Garton, Polly Garton, Dudley Taylor, Nancy Taylor, Jenny Miller, Rebekah Loyd, John B. Potter, and Jane Potter, with John Potter serving as pastor;

Whereas, Construction on the first Sandcreek Baptist Church, located at what is now Sandcreek Cemetery, began late

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in 1823 and was completed in 1824, with the first service held in April 1824;

Whereas, The building continued to grow with the addition of a 50 x 40 foot log frame building, but the decision was made to relocate the church in 1882;

Whereas, Property was acquired about 4 1/2 miles southeast on U.S. Highway 421 and the building was completed in the fall of 1883; this is the present location of the church;

Whereas, With attendance growing, the congregation voted to build an educational building on July 2, 1972;

Whereas, The Sandcreek Baptist Church raised the funds for this new building by becoming a "tenant farmer" with some of the land being donated completely, while other land was worked on half shares;

Whereas, This building program lasted six years and raised more than \$25,000; the new building was dedicated on January 28, 1973; and

Whereas, The Sandcreek Baptist Church has played an important role in the lives of the people of its community for 190 years: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates the Sandcreek Baptist Church on the occasion of the
3 190th anniversary of its founding.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the pastor of the
6 Sandcreek Baptist Church.

